

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We present to our readers the obituaries of two well-known medical men, Dr. G. E. Fenwick, of Montreal, and Dr. A. G. Fenwick, of London. Each, in his own sphere, has left a gap hard to fill up, both being university professors, the former an emeritus and the latter an active one, at the time of their deaths. Sincere sympathy is expressed on all sides for their relatives, although they must feel that both doctors fulfilled their missions in life. Dr. G. E. Fenwick was known in his college as "the man with eyes at the ends of his fingers," and truly deserved the appellation.

In an issue a few months ago we dealt with the question of the procuring of vaccine. At the meeting of the Council Dr. Logan brought up a very strong resolution on the subject, which was ably discussed. Governmental control and inspection were urged, with some method of supplying physicians with information as to the method of cultivating (if we may use the word) and the purity of the vaccine. This is certainly a move in the right direction, and if the entire profession would stir up our politicians, something of advantage to the whole public would be the outcome.

The law dealing with the sale and registration of poisons by druggists evidently needs some radical changes in it. There are some drugs which should not be sold without a doctor's order, and in some cases, indeed, even with that requisite, the circumstances should be closely inquired into if poisonous quantities are given. The celebrated Hooper case is one in point, and we can hardly speak strongly enough with regard to the sale of prussic acid. Indeed, just a day or so ago, a very deplorable suicide occurred in Toronto by an ignorant and possibly criminal man being sold an ounce bottle of this drug simply on the excuse that he wished to use it to rub on his horse's foot. Surely some legislation in this particular can be undertaken, prussic acid being not the only poison that should be included.

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HOSPITAL VISITATION.

During a recent visit to Ottawa we were, through the kindness of Dr. F. A. Rogers, member of the Ontario Medical Council, shown through the wards of the Protestant Hospital at Ottawa. It is a fine institution, and the accommodation and equipment everything that could be desired. The resident physician, Dr. Chapman, showed us much kindness. The cases were interesting, and the records showed the institution was doing good work. We were also permitted to witness an operation for soft cataract by the specialist of the institution, Dr. Horsey. The doctor is a first-class operator, and our interest in the success of his operation would desire to see a report from the doctor's pen, as he is well qualified to give the same. It was also our privilege to visit McGill College, Montreal, and meet the genial Registrar, Professor Ruttan. We were shown through the various departments and lecture rooms by Mr. Wickham, from Prince Edward Island, a fourth-year student well up in his classes. The engineering department was beautiful; thence we visited the Royal Victoria Hospital, an institution of which Montreal may well feel proud. There were not many patients to be seen, but the accommodations are unsurpassed on this Continent. The kitchen, store department, laundry, we had the pleasure of seeing, and language would fail us to describe the beauty and systematic order with which everything is being carried on. We then passed through the Montreal General Hospital, and, although it is not as fresh as the Royal Victoria, it is a fine institution. It is, doubtless, the one that did the most service for the College and its students, and will for many a year to come. Montreal has good hospitals, and no scarcity of patients. The Registrar of McGill College informed us that they raised their course to four years of nine months each. This ought, of itself, to convince the Legislatures and friends of higher medical education that the colleges will not in future oppose legislation on this subject. The narrow limits of legislation in our province last session, confining us to four years of not less than